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First Settlement in Missouri Ozarks.

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R. C. Smith better known as "Uncle Dick," was born in a hunters' camp on Current river, in Shannon county, Missouri, August 11, 1842. His great grandfather, W. R. Smith, was killed and scalped by an Indian on Jack's Fork, in Texas county, in 1815. He was a Revolutionary soldier. His mother died when he was a small boy. His father passed away in 1862 and left him an orphan. He never went to school a day in his life. Enlisted in the Union Army September 13, 1863, at Rolla, Mo., in Company A, 12th Missouri cavalry. He enlisted as a private and in about three months was made a corporal. Soon afterwards he was appointed drill master of the company. Later was commissioned commissary sergeant of the company. He started in at \$13 a month and the promotions brought him up to \$22 a month. He never was away from his company during a service. He was mustered out at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, April 9, 1866. Came back to Howell county April 17, 1866.

It was in the year 1814, two years after the war of 1812, when we trimmed up Great Britain for a second time, that the first white settlers located in the Ozark region. In the spring of 1814 Wm. R. Smith, great grandfather of "Uncle Dick" Smith, and a party of hardy pioneers left Slaughter'sville, Ky., to go west. They made the trip on horseback. In the party, besides Wm. R. Smith, were his son, R. D. G. Smith, Wm. Thomas, John Pevyhouse, James Hodge, Wm. Perkins and "Grandad" Huddelstone, all well known pioneers of this section. They crossed the Mississippi river at Jackson and journeyed over Indian trails to the present site of Thomasville. They brought their families and household goods.

In the fertile bottoms of Eleven Points river these pioneers built homes and barricades to guard against wandering Indians, bears and wolves. They cleared the bottom land of timber and put in crops of corn and garden vegetables. There was plenty of timber along the streams, but the hills were bare and became known as "The Barrens." Not a tree was standing for many miles where West Plains now is located. Large herds of elk and deer roamed over the country. There were Indian villages on several of the streams, the nearest being two miles northwest of Thomasville. Another village was located on North Fork, near the mouth of Lick Creek, and a large tribe made their home on Jack's Fork, near the forks of the creek. They were Cherokees.

In the fall of 1815 several of the most daring hunters of the Thomasville country, led by Wm. Thomas, a noted bear hunter, with a big pack of hounds, journeyed to Jack's Fork to hunt bear. They went into camp near the forks of that creek. One morning while the hunters were on the chase, W. R. Smith, grandfather of "Uncle Dick" Smith, was left to watch the camp. He was 102 years old and had been in the Revolutionary War. A roving band of Indians saw the smoke of the camp. They slipped up undetected and killed the old man. An Indian chief got his scalp. When the hunters returned they found the lifeless body and buried it near the spring at the forks of the creek.

This grave has been located by "Uncle Dick" Smith. More than one hundred years have passed since his great grandfather met death at the hands of the savages. Mr. Smith will erect a monument on the spot to tell the story of his death as it was told him as he sat on his grandfather's knee, R. D. G. Smith, who raised him.

Along the creeks where the timber was thick there were many bee trees to be found. Here the bear was in his glory, for nothing tickles a bear more than honey. Bruin would scent the honey, climb the tree where the bees were storing away the sweets, and attempt to gnaw down the tree. Sometimes the bees would sting the bear and drive him away, but his shaggy wool and tough hide prevented the bees from doing much damage.

Three years later a second colony came to Thomasville. In this colony was John R. Woodside, the first prosecuting attorney of the county, which then included what is now known as Oregon, Howell and Shannon counties. Mr. Woodside also later became the first judge of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit. Another prominent member of this colony was Rev. Wm. Carr, a Baptist preacher, who started a religious awakening in the settlement.

Soon afterwards another colony located around Thomasville, and in this colony was Colonel Old, a Mexican War veteran, father of the late Cap-

tain J. B. Old, noted Confederate veteran, who was born at Thomasville. Others in this colony were the Lasleys and Humphreys. One of the latter was the father of Judge Geo. M. Humphrey, the veteran mail carrier between West Plains and Rover, who fought in the Confederate army and is still hale and hearty.

When the first colony came to Thomasville they saw a white deer in the woods. In those days the people were very superstitious and no one would shoot this deer. For years it was safe from the hunter's bullet and it is believed died of old age. Grandfather R. D. G. Smith never killed a young fawn. He caught many and marked them, two under slopes in both ears, and hunters who later killed these deer knew his mark.

In the early days of the Thomasville settlement furs and skins were taken on horseback to Cape Girardeau, on the Mississippi river, and sold. Supplies that were greatly needed by the colonists were brought back on the homecoming journey.

In a cave one and one-half miles up Elevenpoints from Thomasville, Grandfather R. D. G. Smith made gunpowder, and by his crude method he supplied the hunters of the early day with powder. Lead was found in the hills and from it bullets were made.

The streams, springs and settlements were named for some early settler or after incidents that occurred during pioneer days.

The spikes on horns of deer invariably are an even number. One day when one of the Huddelstone boys killed a buck with eleven prongs or points on his horns, as the deer swam the river above Thomasville, the settlers immediately named the stream Elevenpoints, by which it is known today.

Jack's Fork was named for Jack Thomas, the greatest bear hunter the Ozarks ever knew. Jack and Sol Perkins went hunting the next year after Granddad Smith was tomahawked. They camped at Cold Spring, a hundred yards from where Granddad was buried. Putting their saddles in a tree and hobbling their horses they started up the creek with their dogs to hunt bear. A panther found the saddles, pulled them down and tore them to pieces. When this story was told at Thomasville they called the place Jack's Fork where it occurred and the stream has ever since been known by this name.

Bill Chechin was the only man hanged in the early days of the settlement. He killed John Merrill in 1848 near Thomasville. Merrill came to Thomasville and made it appear as though he had lots of money. He dressed well and was quite dignified. Bob invited him to go fishing and then shot him and threw the body in the river. When Merrill didn't come back an investigation was made and the story of the crime came out. Bob made a speech on the gallows and wound up by saying: "I thought I was a-killin' him for his money, but I killed him for a d—n fool."

Chechin found only 10 cents in the pockets of his victim, he said.

Chechin sold his body to a doctor for a gallon of whiskey and had a big spree before they jerked him into eternity. The doctor made a skeleton from Chechin's body and "Uncle Dick" Smith says he saw the skeleton many times. He did not witness the hanging. His father and mother were present.

In those days the county seat was Thomasville, where the court house and jail was located. When the county was divided and Howell and Shannon counties organized, the county seat was moved from Thomasville to Alton. Game abounded everywhere. There was a big wild pigeon roost just east of where West Plains is now located. Afterwards the place became a big blackberry thicket. Hunters slew the pigeons with clubs, they were so thick.

"Uncle Dick" Smith says he remembers the Indians very distinctly. They had a small village two miles above Thomasville, on Elevenpoints, and a big town of many teepees at the forks of the creek near Cold Spring, six miles north of the present town of Mountain View. After Granddad Smith was tomahawked his son, Wm. Smith, killed Indians on the sly to avenge his death. He cut more than one notch in his gun stock.

Clocks to be Turned Back October 26.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 1.—General uncertainty as to when the clocks of the nation may be turned back and daylight saving abolished seems to have resulted from the action of Congress in repealing the daylight saving act. In answer to numerous inquiries, officials have pointed out that clocks may not be turned back until the last Sunday in October, or October 26, at 1 A. M.

Missouri Makes Fine Report.

The enthusiastic manner in which bankers and individuals in the Eighth Federal Reserve District are responding to the Government's appeal for funds through the sales of Treasury Savings Certificates are exceedingly gratifying, and the sales of the securities far exceed the expectations of Federal Director Wilson.

Although the campaign just began in September, and not the full month was available for the canvas, the quota for that month was largely oversubscribed, and there is scant chance for a failure of the four months' campaign that will end December 31.

S. S. Hiller, of the Exchange Bank at Kahoka, Clark County, Mo., subscribed for the entire quota for his county, and bought \$18,000 of the Treasury Savings Certificates. "I know of no better, safer or more profitable way of investing than in these Treasury Savings Certificates," he said, and he added he anticipated no trouble in placing all of the bonds he had taken, and expected to double the order before the campaign ended.

G. A. Mueller, of the Bank of St. James, Phelps County, Mo., took the quota for his city. He said he considered the Certificates the best securities available and would recommend them to the bank's customers and would advertise and help to create a demand for them among the bank's customers.

The Bank of Crocker and the Crocker State Bank, Plattsburg County, Mo., subscribed for the city's quota. The cashiers of these banks said that despite the fact that they were paying five per cent on time deposits they felt that investments in the Government's securities were the best, inasmuch as the interest was fixed for a long period and was not subject to fluctuation.

A banker of Clinton, Mo., in placing his order for the bank's quota of Treasury Savings Certificates said he was going to suggest them to his customers in place of the ordinary time deposits. He said that when an investment in Government securities was made through his bank it insured a satisfied customer who became a permanent patron of his bank.

At Calhoun, Mo., when Salesman P. W. Buehler called, the banker was not in. Buehler was introduced to T. J. Bolton, a customer of the bank, who subscribed for \$1,000 for himself and another \$1,000 for his wife, purchasing the securities through his bank, thus disposing of the quota for Calhoun.

HOUSEWORK IS A BURDEN.

Woman's lot is a weary one at best. But with backache and other distressing kidney ills life is indeed a burden. Doan's Kidney Pills have made life brighter for many women. Read what Mrs. L. A. Reagan, Flat River, Mo., says: "My back ached constantly and it was impossible for me to do any washing or ironing. The least work tired me out and when I stooped, I had dizzy spells and could hardly see. The way my kidneys acted also caused me a lot of distress. Doan's Kidney Pills relieved the backaches and regulated the kidneys, relieving all symptoms of kidney and bladder trouble."

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175 Enumerators for Eleventh Census District.

Henry C. Bell, of Potosi, Supervisor of the Census, eleventh District of Missouri, was passed upon the tentative plan of the division of the 11th District of Mo. into enumeration districts which was prepared by the Geographer of the Bureau of Census.

Every portion of the District is covered by an enumeration district, distributed in the twelve counties, comprising the 11th district of Missouri, as follows:—Bollinger county, 11; Carter, 6; Iron, 9; Jefferson, 20; Madison, 9; St. Francois, 20; St. Louis (county), 39; Ste. Genevieve, 9; Washington, 12; Wayne, 12; Perry, 17; and Reynolds, 9. Total enumeration districts, 175.

After a test examination is held at a later date there will be an enumerator commissioned for each of the 175 districts. The rate of pay is established under the law by the Director of the Census. The per capita rates will be such that an enumerator of average industry can earn from \$4.00 to \$8.00 per day during the period of enumeration. The employment of taxing officers and persons in postal service is prohibited.

Enumerators will begin their work January 2, 1920, and will cover the subjects of population and Agriculture only. Each enumerator shall complete the work required in his district within 30 days in the case of rural districts and small towns, and within two weeks in the case of any incorporated city, town or village which had 2,500 inhabitants or more under the census of 1910.

Then census of agriculture is to be completed within the same period, the inquiries, however, covering the year ending Dec. 31, 1919. The population of the 11th Census

District in 1910 was 249,605, and was fourth in population in Missouri. The Census Bureau and the Supervisor welcome and invite the co-operation of all public minded citizens and organizations so far as such co-operation can be legitimately rendered. Census information however cannot be disclosed in advance of the official announcements to be made by the Census Bureau at Washington, D. C.

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Bismarck, Wednesday, October 15. Write for appointment.

Flat River, Wednesday, Oct. 15, at New Hammond Hotel, from 3 to 8 P. M.

Write for information or appointment.

Weather Report.

Meteorological Report of Cooperative Observer at Ironton, Iron County, Mo., for the week ending Monday, September 29, 1919:

Days of Week.	Day of Month.	Temperature		Precipitation
		Highest	Lowest	
Tuesday	23	73	49	
Wednesday	24	79	43	
Thursday	25	77	44	
Friday	26	77	43	
Saturday	27	81	44	
Sunday	28	84	47	.01
Monday	29	83	63	T

NOTE.—The precipitation includes rain, sleet and melted snow, and is recorded in inches and hundredths. Ten inches of snow equal one inch of rain. "T" indicates trace of precipitation. ARCADIA COLLEGE Observer.

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PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will sell, at Public Auction, to the highest bidder, at his farm, on Marble Creek, Mo., 5 miles south of Arcadia, on

Saturday, October 11th, 1919, commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., the following property:

About 40 head of Cattle, a Registered Hereford Male, two Mules coming 3 years old, 2 Colts coming 2 years, and 11 head of Hogs; Farm Machinery of all kinds, including 1 Deering Binder, 1 Manure Spreader, 1 Deering Mower, 1 Rake, 2 two-horse Cultivators, 1 Disc Harrow, 1 Section Harrow, several one horse Plows, 2 two horse Turning Plows, 1 Cream Separator, new, Wagons, 2 Saddles, 2 sets of Harness, Blacksmithing and other tools; Feed, including about 200 shocks of Corn and 600 bales of Hay. Also, Household and Kitchen Furniture, and many other articles.

TERMS OF SALE.—\$25 and under, cash; over that amount, 12 months time, with bankable notes.

JOHN SIGNER.

For Sale.—A good Jersey milk cow. Inquire of Dr. Milford Riggs, Baptist Home, Ironton.

GUARDIAN'S AND CURATOR'S NOTICE.

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given that Letters of Guardianship on the estate of John M. Hogg, a person of unsound mind, were granted to the undersigned on the 1st day of October, 1919, by the Probate Court of Iron County, Missouri.

All persons having claims against said estate are required to exhibit them for allowance to the Guardian within one year after the date of granting of such certificate or they may be precluded from any benefit of said estate; and if such claims be not exhibited within one year from the date of granting of such certificate, they shall be forever barred.

This 1st day of October, 1919.

G. M. BENNETT, Guardian and Curator.

Attest: SAM M. BREWSTER, Judge of Probate.

Ironton, Mo., October 1, 1919. State of Missouri, County of Iron.

I hereby certify that G. M. Bennett was granted Letters of Guardianship on the estate of John M. Hogg, a person of unsound mind, on the date above written.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, this 1st day of October, 1919.

SAM M. BREWSTER, Judge of Probate & ex-Officio Clerk.

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